regard. Also,- diplomatically Government have appropriately and effectively brought to the attention of the international community facts pertaining to Pakistan's sponsorship of cross border terrorism in India.

No anti-insurgency operations have been launched by the Government across the border during the current year.

Effective internal security situation in the country

355. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to terrorist attacks in US, the Home Ministry has decided to have an effective internal security situation in the country;

(b) if so, what are the main steps taken by the Ministry to deal the internal security;

(c) whether these steps have helped in improving internal security of the country; and

(d) if so, to what extant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) The Central Government constantly reviews the internal security situation in the country and has been sensitizing the State Government about threat perceptions and activities of militant and terrorist groups from time to time. Periodic meetings are also held with State Governments in order to evolve strategies to counter the designs of anti-national elements.

The Central Government convened a meeting with State Chief Secretaries and Directors Generals of Police on 5th October, 2001, followed by a meeting with all Chief Ministers on 17th November, 2001. While sensitizing the States to the various challenges in the internal security scenario of the country, attention was invited to the new dimensions of terrorism, in the wake of terrorist attacks in USA on 11th September, 2001. The possibility of use of Weapons of Mass

Destruction was also highlighted as an area of concern. States were requested to act upon the recommendations of the Group of Ministers on national security, which pertained to them. Various steps to strengthen the governmental machinery were discussed.

As a result of coordinated action between Central and State intelligence and law enforcement agencies, several Pakistan backed modules have been neutralized. Effectiveness of measures for dealing with internal security problems is assessed periodically and remedial steps are taken wherever necessary.

Explosives found near CRPF Camp, Delhi

356. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether explosives were found near CRPF camp in Jharoda Kalan in Delhi on afternoon of 27th October, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the results of enquiry made about the incident?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Delhi Police recovered 4 live hand grenades, 5 magazines and 144 live cartridges of AK series weapon from an agricultural land near CRPF Camp, Jharoda Kalan, New Delhi in connection with which a case under the Explosive Substances Act, 1908 and the Arms Act, 1959 was registered at Najafgarh Police Station.

(c) The investigation so far made has not revealed the identity of the persons involved in the crime.